

a variable power source for controlling the transmission of said electro-optic lens to have a nonuniform light transmission; and

[according to 1 wherein] said apparatus comprises four electro-optic lenses which comprises two side lenses and two forward lenses, and four photosensitive regions, one for each of said four electro-optic lenses.

19. (Amended) An eye shade apparatus comprising a variable transmission comprising:

an electro-optic lens;

a variable power source for controlling the transmission of said electro-optic lens to have a nonuniform light transmission;

said electro-optic lens comprises a plurality of regions, said variable power source comprises a plurality of power outputs, each of said plurality of power outputs corresponds to at least one of said plurality of regions;

said variable power source comprises a photosensitive control to vary said power source in response to the intensity of light incident on said eye shade apparatus;

a plurality of said photosensitive regions;

said plurality of said photosensitive regions provide said nonuniform light transmission; and

[An eye shade apparatus according to claim 17 further including] a programable processor to determine said nonuniform light transmission from responses of said photosensitive regions.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of and changes to the claims and the remarks herein. Please contact the undersigned to conduct a telephone interview in accordance with MPEP 713.01 to resolve any remaining requirements and/or issues prior to sending another Office Action. Relevant portions of MPEP 713.01 are included on the signature page of this amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 18 and 19 would be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 18 and 19 have been written in independent form and should be allowable.

Although applicant disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for rejection, as stated in applicant's response dated July 5, 2002, the comments of which are